

## I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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## Federal Way Traffic Closures This Week

### Interstate 5

- **Two lanes of southbound I-5** will close Tuesday through Thursday nights (Aug. 9-11) from S. 336<sup>th</sup> to the Pierce County line. The first lane will close at 8 p.m., the second at 11 p.m. Both lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. each morning. Crews are hauling material from the median.
- **The left lane of southbound I-5** will close Tuesday through Thursday nights (Aug 9-11) from Military Road to S. 320<sup>th</sup>. The lane will close at 7p.m. nightly and reopen at 1 p.m. each following day. Crews are removing the temporary roadway in the median.
- Motorists can expect daytime **shoulder closures** on I-5 between S. 320<sup>th</sup> and the Pierce County line for electrical work.

### Highway 18

- The SR 167 and West Valley Highway **on-ramps to westbound SR 18** will close Tuesday through Thursday nights (Aug 9-11) for paving. The ramps will close at 10 p.m. and reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning.
- **One lane of westbound SR 18** between SR 167 and Weyerhaeuser Way will close Tuesday through Thursday nights (Aug. 9 –11) for paving. The lane will close at 9 p.m. nightly and reopen by 5 a.m. each following morning.
- Drivers should expect daytime **shoulder closures** on Highway 18 in the I-5 vicinity for electrical work.

## Construction Updates

### I-5 - S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access - Military Road South to South 320<sup>th</sup> Street

Crews continue removing the temporary roadway in the I-5 median and building HOV ramp walls. At the site of the new roundabout (S. 317<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. S) crews installed drainage structures. In the median north of S. 317<sup>th</sup> we poured more barrier and on the east side of the freeway at 320<sup>th</sup> crews installed guardrail. View our [construction photos](#).

## **I-5 HOV Widening**

### **South 320<sup>th</sup> Street to the King/Pierce County Line**

Crews continue clearing and excavating the I-5 median and grading the median at the south end of project. Excavation in the Highway 18 median continues under I-5. Crews are starting to pour concrete for the retaining wall in median at S. 375<sup>th</sup>. This wall will separate the higher northbound lanes from the lower southbound lanes. We're also installing drainage and electrical systems. Last week we poured concrete for the supports needed to widen the I-5 bridges at S. 336<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit the [I-5 HOV widening page](#).

## **SR 18 - Weyerhaeuser Way to SR 167 Truck Climbing Lane**

Crews continue paving SR 18 through Peasley Canyon. Eastbound paving and striping is complete. WSDOT and contractor Tri-State construction expect to complete westbound paving and striping by the end of August. Once paving is done, crews must complete about four to six weeks of electrical work before opening the truck climbing lane to traffic. For more information on widening SR 18, visit the project [Web page](#).

## **Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks**

Washington State has been selected for a pilot project that will lower the number of collisions between passenger cars and semi-trucks by helping people become more aware of their driving behavior. In 2004 alone Washington drivers were involved in 632 collisions between passenger cars and semi trucks. The biggest factor in these collisions is that passenger cars aren't giving trucks enough space for braking.

In selected areas along the I-5 corridor designated semi-trucks will be on the highway accompanied with troopers. Drivers who cut off trucks, tailgate or otherwise drive dangerously will receive \$101 tickets. Please do your part to help reduce truck and vehicle collisions. When driving alongside or in front of semi-trucks give them more space for braking.

## **Highway Advisory Radio Updates**

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at [JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov).

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